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Dr Mike Raney, the University Extension's academic adviser, will hold a two-hour session to meet with students from 4 to 6 p.m. in WCH 2.102.

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In 1784

On Jan. 14, the Continental Congress ratified the Second Treaty of Paris, ending the American War for Independence. The signing of this document ensured the recognition by the British of the independence of the 13 former colonies.



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FOOTBALL

Brown reinstates McCoy, Hicks to team

By Christian Corona

Junior linebacker Jordan Hicks and junior quarterback Case McCoy have been reinstated to the UT football team, head coach Mack Brown announced Sunday evening, capping off a week

in which Hicks' attorney, Perry Minton, released a statement saying that no sexual assault charges will be filed against them.

McCoy and Hicks were subjects of a San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) investigation after being accused of sexual assault last

month. According to a police report obtained by The Daily Texan, San Antonio police received a report of an alleged rape Dec. 28 and were reportedly dispatched to a downtown hotel at 2:49 a.m., one near where the Longhorns football team was staying.

The suspects' names were blacked out in the report, although they were described as a 6-foot-2, 235-pound, 21-year-old black male with brown eyes and a 6-foot, 180-pound 20-year-old white male with brown, collar-length hair. The report said the victim was crying

when officers arrived on the scene and was hospitalized with bruising on her knee and bicep. She told police she was drinking with the two suspects and invited them to her room, where she said she was raped.

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CAMPUS

A home of their own



Maria Arrellaga | Daily Texan Staff

Member of the UT Latino Pan-Hellenic Council leave the new College of Liberal Arts Building on Saturday evening. A sky bridge connects the new building (left) with the Student Activity Center.

Liberal Arts Building completed, funded by bonds and donations

By Jordan Rudner

After almost 80 years of being scattered across campus, liberal arts students finally have a space of their own in the new Liberal Arts Building.

Although final calculations are still being made, the building's cost is projected to be \$87 million, less than the project's initial expected cost of \$100 million. In addition to coming in under budget,

the building also contains roughly 16,000 more usable square feet than originally planned and is expected to receive LEED Gold Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. Designers originally aimed for a Silver Certification.

The new building, a 200,000 square-foot glass and limestone structure attached to the Student Activity Center, will house several departments within the

College of Liberal Arts. The college has not had its own building since UT's first permanent building, Old Main, was torn down in 1935.

Beyond bringing the College of Liberal Arts together, the new building also represents a fiscal first for UT. The college financed the construction project itself without funding from the state Legislature or UT System. The College borrowed approximately \$42 million, just less than half of the total cost for the project, by issuing bonds. The College also received an additional \$22 million in donations,

\$18 million from University administration and spent \$5 million in cash balances.

Because the construction of the project coincided with an economic recession, the college benefited from low interest rates and construction costs. Additional funds came from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which was the stimulus package passed by Congress.

Jamie Southerland, the college's assistant dean for business affairs, said the college began to make internal

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Questions remain after Kearney's resignation

By Shabab Siddiqui

Following the recent resignation of women's track and field head coach Bev Kearney, several questions regarding the timing of the incident remain.

Kearney admitted in late October to having "an intimate consensual relationship" in 2002 with "a student-athlete in [the] program," according to a statement from Patricia Ohlendorf, the University's vice president for legal affairs. Kearney's relationship with the adult student-athlete began about 10 1/2 years ago and ended about eight years ago.

Kearney resigned Jan. 5 after being notified that the University was prepared to begin the termination process.

"You know, you get caught up in the emotional and the physical components of a relationship, and the last thing you're doing is thinking rationally," Kearney said in a

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Bev Kearney

Former women's track and field head coach

UNIVERSITY

Sharp promoted to director of tech office

By Christine Ayala

UT has appointed Dan Sharp as the director of the Office of Technology Commercialization after he took the lead as interim director a year ago.

Sharp became interim director after previous director Richard Miller resigned because of a conflict of interest by licensing UT technology to companies in which he held stock.

The office assesses discoveries and inventions made by UT researchers and faculty in order to pursue patents and analyze commercial applications and potential markets to help products succeed in the marketplace. The office helps connect theoretical research and startup business ideas to products and services with



Daniel Sharp

Director of the Office of Technology Commercialization

industry and investors.

"Sometimes there is a bit of misconception about what we are commercializing," Sharp said. "People may think we're using already-made products or prototypes. The majority of the time we're commercializing an invention that exists

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CITY



Nurse Crystal Lamb prepares to administer flu shots at St. David's Emergency Center Bee Cave on Sunday afternoon. Various medical centers and clinics such as St. David's are offering free immunizations while supplies last.

Maria Arrellaga
Daily Texan Staff

Vaccines urged after spread of flu

By Christine Ayala

With three times the number of flu diagnoses on campus than last year, experts say students should be proactive to prevent sickness and the spread of germs.

Between November and January, Univeristy Health Services diag-

nosed 72 cases of influenza, as opposed to 25 cases diagnosed in the same period last year. As students return to campus, the number of diagnoses is likely to increase said Theresa Spalding, director of medicine for University Health Service.

Carole Barasch, spokeswoman for the Austin / Tra-

vis County Health and Human Services Department, said levels of influenza increased during December.

"What we're seeing right now is it's shaping up to be a high-activity flu season," Barasch said. "We would urge the students, along with the general public, to

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Amusement park-goers enjoy one of the rides at Pleasure Pier in Galveston on a chilly January afternoon.

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Jan. 8 interview on the CNN program “Starting Point with Soledad O’Brien.”

Kearney admitted to the previous relationship after it was brought to the attention of the athletic department in October by the still unrevealed former student-athlete involved. The University then placed Kearney on paid administrative leave as it further investigated the matter before she resigned later on.

According to the University’s Handbook of Operating Procedures, “the University strongly discourages consensual relationships between supervisors and subordinates, teachers and students and advisors and students.” The policy goes on to say that a failure to report the relationship “will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.”

The University implemented the policy in November 2001, about a year before the start of the relationship. But Kearney’s attorney Derek Howard said that the University’s reasoning for firing Kearney made no mention of the policy.

“[The University] doesn’t mention [Kearney’s] failure to report the relationship as the reason for firing her,” Howard said. “It’s because she had the relationship, period.”

In her statement, Ohlen-dorf said the relationship was “unprofessional and crosses the line of trust placed in the head coach for all aspects of the athletic program and the best interests of the student-athletes on the team.”

Kearney told CNN that while she was unaware of the policy to begin with, the disclosure part was never the reason for her termination.

“I said then, ‘Has everyone else been terminated as a point of reference of having had a relationship?’ and the answer was ... ‘We don’t view those the same as yours,’” Kearney said.

There are also several questions regarding the timing of the firing. According to a Nov. 30 story by The Associated Press, Kearney was up for a raise. Chris Plonsky, women’s athletics director, emailed President William Powers Jr. on Sept. 24 to request the raise, which would have brought Kearney’s base salary up from \$270,000 per year plus bonuses to \$397,000 per year plus bonuses in 2012-13. By 2017, her base salary would have been up to \$475,000 per year. Plonsky said in the email that the raise would put her among the top three highest compensated track coaches in the nation.

Contracts need to be

approved by the UT System Board of Regents, and Kearney’s contract was set to be on the board’s October agenda until being pulled by administrators, according to the story.

Howard said he believes the revelation of the relationship and the timing of Kearney’s proposed raise are not unrelated.

“We don’t think it was a coincidence,” Howard said. “We do believe there was a motivation to do that.”

Howard said he and Kearney are discussing legal options, which could include a discrimination lawsuit that would not only examine relationships between head coaches and student-athletes but relationships between students and other University employees, including faculty members.

Kearney was the women’s track and field head coach since 1993, leading the Longhorns to six national championships — three indoor and three outdoor — during her 20-year tenure. She was named her conference’s coach of the year 16 times and guided Texas to 14 straight top-10 finishes at the NCAA Outdoor Championships between 1994 and 2007, a previously unprecedented feat.

Kearney had been in a car accident in 2002 and suffered spinal injuries. She had to learn how to walk again, and her story and perseverance have been widely covered by local and national media outlets. Up until her firing, 2012 was

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— Bev Kearney,
Former women’s track and field head coach

a year filled with accomplishments for Kearney including being recognized as one of CNN’s “Break-through Women,” sharing the stage with Michelle Obama at the BET Honors gala and watching eight of her former student-athletes compete in the summer Olympics.

Kearney has not been given any opportunity to speak with the team, Howard said. Rose Brimmer, who spent eight seasons as an assistant coach under Kearney, will take over as interim head women’s track and field coach, while Stephen Sisson, who has been an assistant women’s track and field coach at Texas since 2006, will take on “expanded duties.” The athletic department did not respond to a question on whether it had begun its search for a new head coach.

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only in a lab notebook or a scientific journal.”

Sharp is an alumnus of the Cockrell School of Engineering and School of Law. Sharp said that his experience as an intellectual property lawyer prior to joining the office influenced his focus as interim director.

“We’re going to continue what we’ve been doing over the past year focusing on education for faculty and researchers across the board, protecting intellectual property, obtaining quality patents and licensing technology out to the private sector, using the research that is being done at UT for the public good.”

Sharp said his time as interim director helped build a network of contacts throughout campus that will be valuable in his new permanent position.

Juan Sanchez, the vice president for research, said Sharp’s year as interim director was a positive experience and as director, Sharp will continue to enhance the work done to commercialize researchers’ work.

“I have appointed him to the post with the conviction that he will raise commercialization at UT Austin to the next level,” Sanchez said. “His knowledge and experience in intellectual property protection and licensing has improved both the quality of our patent filings and the agility and terms of our licensing deals. He is thorough, knowledgeable and communicates extremely well with UT’s internal and external stakeholders.”

In cooperation with the office, Sharp said the College of Pharmacy has developed UT’s highest grossing patent on technology to make tamper-proof Oxycontin. M. Lynn Crismon, dean of the college, said Sharp has made connections with faculty during his time as interim director.

“Mr. Sharp has reached out to us and he has been positive in his interactions,” Crismon said. “He truly appears committed to positively facilitating faculty efforts to license intellectual property. He has experience in preparing patents for submission, and he is well prepared to assume the duties as director of OTC.”

Sharp said besides commercializing products and ideas, his vision for the office includes symposiums with faculty and researchers.

“There will be lectures focused on intellectual property or technology licensing but we also try to address the issues that are unique to the academic environment,” Sharp said. “We also want to hear feedback from the faculty.”

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Protesters oppose Russia's adoption ban

MOSCOW — Thousands of people marched through Moscow on Sunday to protest Russia's new law banning Americans from adopting Russian children, a far bigger number than expected in a sign that outrage over the ban has breathed some life into the dispirited anti-Kremlin opposition movement.

Shouting "shame on the scum," protesters carried posters of President Vladimir Putin and members of Russia's parliament who overwhelmingly voted for the law last month. Up to 20,000 took part in the demonstration on a frigid, gray afternoon.

Opponents of the adoption ban argue it victimizes children to make a political point.

Appeals court orders retrial of Mubarak

CAIRO — A Cairo appeals court on Sunday overturned Hosni Mubarak's life sentence and ordered a retrial of the former Egyptian president for failing to prevent the killing of hundreds of protesters during the 2011 uprising that toppled his regime.

The ruling put the spotlight back on the highly divisive issue of justice for the former leader and his top security officers.

Mubarak, who is currently being held in a military hospital, will remain in custody while under investigation in an unrelated case.

The court did not provide the reasoning for its ruling, but was expected to do so later. No date has been set for the retrial.

Beijing residents dodge air pollution

BEIJING — People refused to venture outdoors and buildings disappeared into Beijing's murky skyline on Sunday as the air quality in China's notoriously polluted capital went off the index.

The Beijing Municipal Environmental Monitoring Center said on its website that the density of PM2.5 particulates had surpassed 700 micrograms per cubic meter in many parts of the city. The World Health Organization considers a safe daily level to be 25 micrograms per cubic meter.

PM2.5 are tiny particulate matter less than 2.5 micrometers in size, or about 1/30th the average width of a human hair. They can penetrate deep into the lungs, so measuring them is considered a more accurate reflection of air quality than other methods.

Three Utah men die in Texas plane crash

SALT LAKE CITY — A plane carrying three Utah men crashed shortly after takeoff in Texas Saturday, killing all three aboard, authorities said.

The Piper PA-46 had taken off from an airport near Paris, Texas, around 8 a.m. when it went down.

All three men worked for Utah-based Celtic Bank, The Salt Lake Tribune reported.

There was no immediate word on the cause of the crash. The Department of Public Safety said it was reportedly foggy and the plane attempted to turn back toward the airport before descending rapidly and crashing.

The plane burst into flames upon impact, FAA spokesman Roland Herwig told the Tribune.

—Compiled from Associated Press reports



This picture, released by the French Army Communications Audiovisual office (ECPAD), shows French aircraft flying to N'Djamena overnight Friday to Saturday, after taking off from the French military base of Nancy. The battle to retake Mali's north from the al-Qaida-linked groups controlling it began Saturday, after French forces deployed to the country and began aerial bombardments to drive back the Islamic extremists from a town seized earlier this week.

R.Nicolas-Nelson Associated Press

France gains support in Mali operation

By Baba Ahmed & Rukmini Callimachi

Associated Press

BAMAKO, Mali — France claimed new successes in its campaign to oust Islamist extremists from northern Mali on Sunday, bombarding the major city of Gao with airstrikes targeting the airport and training camps used by the al-Qaida-linked rebel group controlling the city.

France's foreign minister also said the 3-day-old intervention is gaining international support, with communications and transport help from the United States and backing from Britain, Denmark and other

European countries.

The French-led effort to take back Mali's north from the extremists occupying it has included airstrikes by jets and combat helicopters on at least four northern towns, of which Gao is the largest. Some 400 French troops have been deployed to the country in the all-out effort to win back the territory from the well-armed rebels, who seized control of an area larger than France itself following a coup in Mali nine months ago.

"French fighter jets have identified and destroyed this Sunday, Jan. 13, numerous targets in northern Mali near Gao, in particular training camps, infrastructure and

logistical depots which served as bases for terrorist groups," the French Defense Ministry said in a statement.

Residents of Gao confirmed that the targets included the city's airport, as well as the building that served as the base for the town's feared Islamist police, which — in their adherence to a strict version of Muslim law — have carried out numerous punishments including amputating limbs of accused thieves.

But the intervention has come with a human cost in the city of Konna, the first to be bombed on Friday and Saturday. The town's mayor said that at least 10 civilians were killed, including

three children who threw themselves into a river and drowned trying to avoid the falling bombs.

French President Francois Hollande authorized the military operation, code-named "Serval" after a sub-Saharan wildcat, after it became clear that the advancing rebels could push past the defenses in the town of Mopti, the first town on the government-controlled side, which has the largest concentration of Malian soldiers.

The decision catapulted the world and Mali's neighbors into a military operation that diplomats had earlier said would not take place until at least September. France's defense minister said they

had no choice because of the swift rebel advance.

On Saturday, the body representing nations in West Africa announced that the member states would send hundreds of troops of their own, including at least 500 each from Niger, Burkina Faso and Senegal, as well as from Nigeria.

U.S. officials have said they had offered to send drones to Mali and were considering a broad range of options for assistance, including information-sharing and possibly allowing limited use of refueling tankers. British Prime Minister David Cameron also agreed to send aircraft to help transport troops.

Newtown weighs fate of elementary school

By Dave Collins

Associated Press

NEWTOWN, Conn. — Talk about Sandy Hook Elementary School is turning from last month's massacre to the future, with differing opinions on whether students and staff should ever return to the building where a gunman killed 20 first-graders and six educators.

Some Newtown residents say the school should be demolished and a memorial built on the property in honor of the victims killed Dec. 14. Others believe the school should be renovated and the areas where the killings occurred removed, like Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., after the 1999 mass shooting.

Town officials also are planning private meetings with the victims' families to get their input.

It's a bittersweet discussion

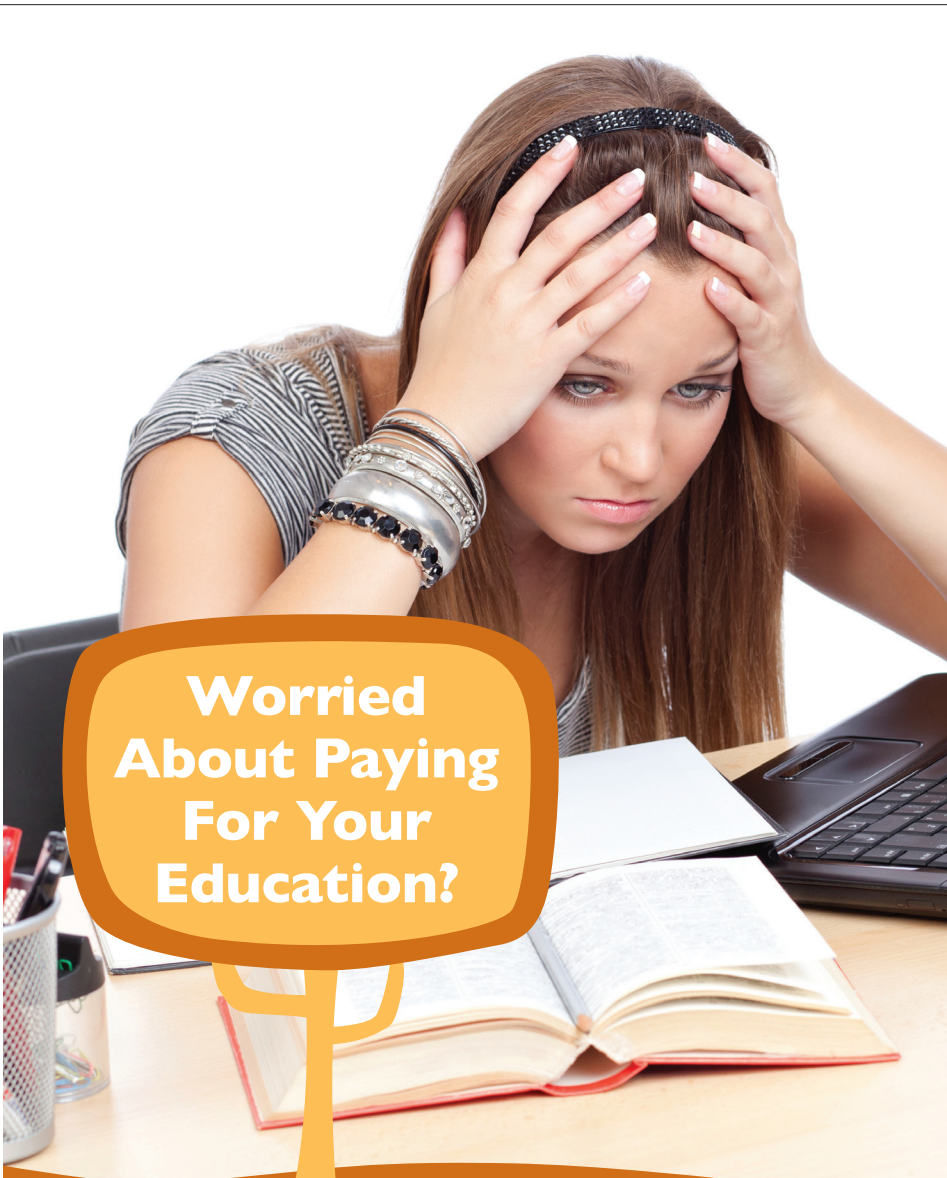
for parents and former students who have many good memories of Sandy Hook Elementary School, the site where Adam Lanza shot his way into the building and carried out the massacre before dying by suicide.

"I wouldn't want to have to send my kids back to that school," said Susan Gibney, who lives in Sandy Hook.

Fran Bresson, a retired police officer who attended Sandy Hook Elementary School in the 1950s, wants the school to reopen, but he thinks the hallways and classrooms where staff and students were killed should be demolished.

"To tear it down completely would be like saying to evil, 'You've won,'" Bresson said.

Until Newtown decides what to do, Sandy Hook students will continue attending a school renovated specially for them about 7 miles away in a neighboring town.



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OVERVIEWS

While you were out...

Editor's note: Life on campus and in Austin continued eventfully in spite of UT students' mass exit during winter break. Below, find important developments you may have missed.

Allegations of sexual assault and a student-coach relationship plague UT athletics

UT sent quarterback Case McCoy and linebacker Jordan Hicks home a day before the Dec. 29, 2012 Alamo Bowl game in connection to an investigation of a sexual assault case. The two players have not had charges brought against them, but the San Antonio Police Department, which is investigating the case, said the case is not closed. On Jan. 6, 2013, legendary UT women's track coach Bev Kearney resigned amid a University investigation into a 2002 relationship she has said she engaged in with a female student. Kearney, who "openly admits to [the relationship's] existence," has publicly objected to her treatment and the University's pursuit of her termination. Few other details about either incident have escaped the heavy curtain in front of UT athletics. Based on what we know, the University acted appropriately in both cases. Allegations of sexual assault should be taken seriously, and the players' suspension, while consequential to their chance to play in the bowl game, shows that such allegations were handled appropriately in this instance. A relationship between a student and a coach is cause for the coach's termination, no matter how talented, generous or beloved that coach is. At the time the relationship was revealed, Patricia Ohlendorf, the University's Vice President for Legal Affairs, said in an email to CNN, "In intercollegiate athletics and the coaching profession, it is unprofessional and unacceptable for a head coach to carry on an intimate relationship with a student-athlete that he or she is coaching ... such a relationship crosses the line of trust placed in the head coach for all aspects of the athletic program and the best interests of the student-athletes in the program."

The 83rd Session of the Texas Legislative has begun and a tribute to a famous legislator opens

On Tuesday, Jan. 8th, the Texas Legislature, which meets every other year, opened its 83rd session. The first day was mostly ceremonial. Governor Rick Perry gave a speech outlining his hopes for the legislative session (tax relief, more spending cuts and anti-abortion legislation), the House of Representatives re-elected Rep. Joe Straus (R-San Antonio) as Speaker, and State Comptroller Susan Combs announced that the Legislature will have an unexpectedly high \$101.4 billion to work with this session. Perry warned lawmakers eyeing the surplus, "We have to remember that Monday's revenue estimate is not a chance to spend freely but an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to the very policies that made Texas economically strong," according to the Texas Tribune. The extra cash is not "the equivalent of ringing the dinner bell," Perry said. After that, the lawmakers mostly deliberated on procedural rules.

Also, a tribute exhibition to Lyndon Baines Johnson's tenure in the Texas Legislature opened at the newly remodeled LBJ Presidential Library. The \$11 million remodel of the permanent exhibit opened Dec. 22. The LBJ Library has also begun charging for admission. The library, which was once free (a fact that made it stand out among presidential libraries) will now charge \$8 for adult tickets, but UT students, faculty, staff and administrators with valid ID gain admission free of charge.

Orbach resigns, Chip Groat retires, defiant

UT Energy Institute's February 2012 study concluding that hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") does not cause groundwater contamination came under fire in July when the Public Accountability Initiative, a Buffalo-based non-profit, revealed that the study's lead researcher, UT professor Charles "Chip" Groat, had been paid \$413,900 to serve on the board of the Plains and Exploration Company, which extracts natural gas from Texas shale through the practice of fracking. On Dec. 6, another independent review of the UT Energy Institute's study found flaws in the way it was conducted and the conclusions it drew and determined that Groat had a conflict of interest. Raymond Orbach, former director of the Energy Institute, resigned in November. Groat says he left the University in February 2012, and he formally submitted his letter of resignation in November 2012 after the controversy began. "I continue to be disturbed by the assumption by many that a university faculty member with financial connections to industry cannot be unbiased," Groat wrote in an email to KUT. "This blanket indictment isn't fair to most faculty members or most industries ... Since I am no longer affiliated with UT, I will leave this unpleasant episode behind me," Groat wrote in the same email. Groat fails to understand that the appearance of a conflict can be as damaging as a conflict itself. UT, which has for so many years benefitted from proximity and stakes in the success of the oil and gas industry, must work doubly hard to maintain both the appearance and actuality of independent scholarship in the energy field. But reputations cannot be bought, and what Groat describes as "an unpleasant episode" will surely taint all related scholarship published under UT's auspices in decades to come.

GALLERY



Lauren Moore | Daily Texan Cartoonist

FIRING LINE

Misquoted

In Ryan Nill's column, "Ethics Overlooked at McCombs," I was seriously misquoted. I did not tell Mr. Nill that our ethics coursework has not been effective. I said that there is evidence that traditional philosophy-based approaches are not effective, which was why we had switched to a different approach based on behavioral psychology. Also, McCombs students spend more than one percent of their coursework learning about ethics, contrary to what was implied.

Robert Prentice
Professor of Business Law & Business Ethics
McCombs School of Business

Missing the point

In response to the article "Two Longhorns suspended for Alamo Bowl after being accused of sexual assault, reportedly Case McCoy and Jordan Hicks," how is it that these two students are being investigated for *sexual assault* and this article spends more time focusing on football stats than on information about the realities of sexual violence? I'm shocked and disgusted by the Daily Texan's priorities in this instance.

Katie Jackson, M.Ed.
Educational Policy and Planning doctoral student, Department of Educational Administration

Don't blame the victim

After reading the recent article on the UT football players accused of "sexual assault," I was a little taken aback by the way the victim was portrayed.

The article says, "The alleged victim had a strong odor of alcohol on her breath and was crying when police arrived on scene. She told police she had been drinking at a hotel bar with the two suspects before bringing them back to her hotel room where she was raped."

Using language like "alleged" and presenting the situation the way the story does imply the woman is guilty of the action by her chosen circumstances. Especially with the phrase, "bringing them back to her hotel room." Essentially, you are painting her as the agent.

I understand that you, as journalists, are trying to present the facts as concisely and efficiently as possible. Regardless, in an incident as fresh as this one I would think your aim would be to remain neutral and this summary does not achieve that goal.

This is a sensitive topic and, as a reader, I'd like to see the Daily Texan address such topics with neutrality, if not meet it with equal sensitivity, in the future. All you have to communicate these stories is language. You should be conscious of how you use it.

Lindsey Tanner
Senior, Rhetoric and Writing

WHAT TO WATCH

JANUARY 14-18

Every Monday, we provide a list of opinion-worthy events taking place during the coming week.

- 1 On Wednesday, Jan. 16, the Institute for Public School Initiatives and Institute for Productivity in Education will present a series of presentations and panel discussions on whether national- and state-level K-12 education will become more productive in 2013. The event begins at 9 a.m. at the Chemical and Petroleum Engineering Building (CPE), room 2.218, and will be free and open to the public.
- 2 On Thursday night, Oprah Winfrey will interview disgraced former cyclist and Austinite Lance Armstrong in a "no-holds barred session" during which, it has been reported, Armstrong will confess to using performance-enhancing drugs and apologize. Armstrong has said he will answer Winfrey's questions "directly, honestly and candidly." Armstrong has repeatedly denied reports that his seven Tour de France victories were fueled by steroids, but last year he was stripped of his titles and banned from cycling for life after the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency accused him of using steroids extensively throughout his cycling career.
- 3 On Friday, Jan. 18th, the Population Research Center will present a talk from Dr. Michael Hout of the University of California at Berkeley's Department of Sociology. The talk is titled "The Social Recession: The Immediate and Lasting Effects of the Lagging Economy, 2006-2010" and will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in the College of Liberal Arts Building (CLA), room 1.302B.

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WORLD

Letter to Iranian leader raises Kokabee awareness

By David Maly
Special to The Daily Texan

As a UT student remains jailed in Iran, efforts by academic entities to secure his release continue to grow.

The Middle East Studies Association, an organization of roughly 3,000 academics from around the world, joined more than a dozen academic organizations seeking justice for Omid Kokabee, a UT physics doctoral student.

In a Jan. 3 letter, the organization’s Committee on Academic Freedom asked Ayatollah Ali Khamenei,

Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran, for Kokabee’s “immediate release.” The letter is addressed in care of Mohammad Khazaei, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations. Khazaei was not available for comment.

Kokabee was imprisoned while visiting Iran in February 2011. He has since been charged and sentenced to 10 years in prison for allegedly communicating with a hostile government and receiving illegitimate funds, charges he has repeatedly denied. The letter states that Kokabee was given a

rapid trial without access to his attorney.

Saeed Khalili, Kokabee’s attorney, said an additional 91 days were added to his original 10-year sentence in 2012 for earning illegal money after he was paid by other inmates to teach them English, Spanish, French and physics.

Peter Sluglett, president of the Middle East Studies Association and professor at the National University of Singapore’s Middle East Institute, said attention to Kokabee’s situation is the best hope for his release at this time.

“The letters alert the international community

(academics, journalists, UT-Austin, etc.) to what is going on,” Sluglett said in an email to The Daily Texan.

Sluglett said the Iranian government grants pardons to prisoners on national holidays, including the anniversary of the Iranian Revolution, and that if enough attention is brought to his case, Kokabee may be granted a pardon or see his sentence reduced. The 34th anniversary of the Iranian revolution will take place on Feb. 11.

Other organizations to support Kokabee include Amnesty International, the State University of New York-Albany School of

Public Health and The Ohio State University.

Kamiar Alaei, an HIV/AIDS researcher at the State University of New York-Albany who has been following Kokabee’s case, said Kokabee has recently been diagnosed with kidney stones and has been denied adequate medical care for them.

Kamiar Alaei and his brother Arash Alaei were arrested and jailed in Iran in 2008. Both were released following international protest over their imprisonment. He said the Iranian government has arbitrarily and unjustly imprisoned dozens of academics in recent years

out of fear that their work was political.

Kamiar and Arash Alaei are planning an international day of advocacy for Kokabee in February marking the two-year anniversary of his imprisonment.

Herbert Berk, UT physics professor and a member of the American Physical Society’s Committee on International Freedom of Scientists, created a petition asking the Iranian government to give Kokabee a fair trial. It has gained 623 signatures. Berk is working with students to create a video to explain Kokabee’s situation. The video will be released later this month.

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budget cuts in the fall of 2010, including lowering the TA and lecture budget, which happened alongside budget cuts from the Legislature. Southerland said these cuts were necessary in order to ensure the long-term success of the liberal arts program.

“We had no space left for new faculty and no research space,” Southerland said. “That made it impossible to recruit.”

Joe TenBarge, assistant dean and director of Liberal Arts Instructional Technology Services, said the college funding the project itself created a cost-saving motivation.

“Because the College of Liberal Arts was actually paying for a significant proportion of the budget, we all kept in mind that every dollar we could save was another dollar we could spend on our instructional budget,” TenBarge said.

TenBarge attributed the savings to the intense levels of coordination and planning that occurred at every stage of the building process. TenBarge said the architecture firm, Overland Partners, worked together with the construction company, Spawglass, to create a mock-up used to troubleshoot for problems that typically occur during the construction process.

“The mock-up was expensive to build, but it was an important part of the planning process,” TenBarge said. “It was an odd collection of all the details that we ultimately included in the building, and it allowed us to see details like how a certain concrete edge should be shaped, or how a particular piece of glass would ultimately fit into the metal.”

Architects also reached out to faculty members in the college to pre-empt any possible issues. Stacey Amorous, associate director of the Liberal Arts Honors program, said its faculty had input on everything from the size of the computer lab to the opacity of the glass that would surround their offices. Amorous said she appreciated the level of planning and detail.

“So much time and attention went into this project, and I think it’s absolutely fabulous,” she said. “We all felt like our requests were heard.”

TenBarge said the coordination between the college and the architects was largely unprecedented. He said the budgetary success of the project will influence the way UT approaches new construction projects in the coming years.

“The biggest reason [the building] came in under budget was detailed and careful planning — the architect, the builder, liberal arts and the campus team all came together to keep costs down,” TenBarge said. “Some of the strategies we used here had already been adopted in prior projects. We basically just took it to another level.”

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CITY

Wheatsville Food Co-op will be selling beer and wine at its new South Lamar Boulevard location, opening in June. Though there was opposition from the Austin Independent School District for selling alcohol within 300 feet of Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders, the City Council voted unanimously in favor of the alcohol waiver.



Chelsea Purgahn
Daily Texan Staff

Wheatsville Co-op granted alcohol waiver

By Hannah Jane DeCuitiis

Residents in South Austin will no longer need to trek north to purchase the specialty beers and wines offered by Wheatsville Food Co-op, thanks to a waiver granted by the city council last month.

The Austin-based cooperative grocery store will be opening its South Lamar Boulevard location in June. The store will be less than a block away from the Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders, a public all-girls school within the Austin Independent School District (AISD). Because of a city code that bans alcohol sales within 300 feet of a public school, Wheatsville had to apply for a waiver. The council voted unanimously in favor of Wheatsville's waiver at the Dec. 13 meeting.

Wheatsville currently sells beer and wine at its Guadalupe location north of the University of Texas.

Representatives of Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole's office said the council was

particularly impressed by Wheatsville's clean track record with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, especially operating so closely to a university where underage college students live.

"I'm extremely happy that my colleagues unanimously supported Wheatsville Co-op in the building of [its] new location," Cole said.

The council received several letters of support for Wheatsville from various community organizations such as the South Lamar Neighborhood Association, as well as other cooperative organizations. Raquel Dadomo, brand manager for Wheatsville, said the alcohol products Wheatsville sells are typically higher-end, which was an additional factor in the approval of the waiver.

"I think [the code] is mostly for convenience stores that mostly sell low-price beer and wine," Dadomo said. "Our selection is a much higher price point and is located way, way in the back. You have to look for it."

AISD submitted a letter of opposition to the council on Nov. 30, citing a "belief that alcohol sales near schools is not generally conducive to a positive and safe learning environment."

Beth Wilson, AISD assistant director of planning services and the letter's author, said it is AISD's blanket policy to oppose alcohol sales within 300 feet of its schools.

"Routinely with any alcohol sales application, whether for on-site or off-site consumption within 300 feet of a school, we will always submit a letter of opposition," Wilson said. "We don't think it's beneficial to the environment of our schools to have alcohol sales in such close proximity. It is our policy to always oppose."

The cooperative model allows patrons to invest in the grocery store and therefore become member owners who work together as a community to operate the store while sometimes receiving profit. These member owners can have a voice in operations, including Wheatsville's

vendor choices. Dadomo said the grocery store's cooperative nature will have a positive impact on families and students at the Ann Richards School.

"As a co-op, we're really looking forward to working with the Ann Richards School," Dadomo said. "It feels awfully strange for us to be in a position where we would be on the opposite side of the school because we add so much more to the neighborhood as a co-op."

Dadomo said members of Wheatsville Co-op are looking forward to getting to know the South Austin community and setting a positive example for the young women attending the Ann Richards School.

"Right now 50 percent of our management staff is women, and that's unheard of in the grocery business," Dadomo said. "We're women, we're mothers, even our deli manager is the mom of students at the Ann Richards School. I think we have a lot of things in common, but I think it was an unfortunate thing that put us on opposing sides."

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get a flu shot. If you get sick and just go about doing normal things, you're just spreading germs out in the community."

Spalding said UHS distributed 9,000 of 10,000 flu vaccines last semester to help prevent the spread of the virus during the current peak. Spalding said those vaccines help reduce the spread on campus where people work, eat and live in close proximity.

"We tend to give a lot of the vaccine early to help increase your immunity early," Spalding said. "When more people are vaccinated then if a case does appear, it gets stopped quicker because the virus doesn't have anywhere to go to. That's why we feel it is so effective, because we live in such a concentrated environment."

Spalding said although UHS is still offering flu vaccines by appointments, students should be aware it can take up to two weeks for a vaccine to take full effect. She said it is possible to get sick during that two-week period, although the vaccine should minimize the severity of the flu.

Associate communication studies professor Matthew McGlone released a study late December in the Journal of Health Communication about the wording of health care information focused on the flu. The study compared how different phrasing about the flu impacted people's decision to get a vaccine. He said

students are more likely to get the vaccine before flu season if they thought of the virus as a greater threat.

"The study was about the phrasing of educational information of the flu and what is doing the action: people or the flu," McGlone said. "If people think of the flu as a predator that can infect them, rather than something that you catch if you're careless, they are a lot more likely to be scared of it and want to protect themselves from it."

For the student who has flu-like symptoms, UHS offers resources online at healthyhorns.utexas.edu to help fight the flu, including at-home treatments and a 24-hour nurse hotline. Spalding said students should limit their contact with others, adding that students living in dorms can ask resident advisers to bring their meals to their room.

"You really need to judge your symptoms and if they're fairly mild, it's best to stay at home because you're most contagious as you're running a fever," Spalding said. "Keep your germs to yourself, stay indoors and don't go to class. We keep stressing to the to the faculty that if a student is sick and running a fever, they don't need to be coming to the clinic just to be told they have the flu. [Faculty members] need to trust the student, so they don't infect their classmates."

TEAM *continues from page 1*

"Mr. Hicks vehemently asserts that all conduct that occurred during the evening of the incident was consensual by everyone involved," Minton said in a statement released Dec. 30. "The allegation, if any, that a sexual assault occurred by anyone at anytime is completely false. These are the actions of a young man with something to hide or one with a guilty [conscience]. These are the actions of an honest citizen eager to cooperate with law enforcement on every level in order to clear his name and that of his friend."

Head coach Mack Brown suspended McCoy and Hicks the day before Texas' 31-27 win over Oregon State in the Valero Alamo Bowl on Dec. 29. Brown said Sunday the team would handle the punishment for the two privately.

"Obviously when you break team rules there's a certain amount of trust that has been broken, and that will be addressed with further discipline," Brown said in a statement. "That discipline will be handled within the team."

No arrests were made and no charges have been filed, although a statement released by SAPD said that its Special Victims Unit "is still reviewing the case."

"I just got off the phone with the San Antonio Police

Department detective in charge of the investigation of my client and he has informed me that no charges will be brought against Jordan Hicks or anyone else in this matter," Minton said in a statement Wednesday. "The investigation is closed. Mr. Hicks will be returning to the University of Texas once school resumes from the holiday break."

McCoy played in eight games this year, starting one, throwing for 722 yards and six touchdowns. In his only start, McCoy completed 26 of 34 passes for 314 yards and two touchdowns but also threw two costly interceptions in a 42-24 loss to Kansas State. He completed 17 straight passes in the defeat, one shy of the school record set by his older brother, Colt McCoy, in 2008.

Hicks was Texas' only returning starting linebacker last season but played in just three games before suffering a season-ending hip injury in the Longhorns' win over Ole Miss in September. He made 23 tackles — bringing his career total to 111 — and was planning to apply for a medical redshirt that would give him another year of eligibility and make him a junior again next season. A UT spokesman said there was no timetable on Hicks' application for a medical redshirt.



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NATIONAL

UT alumnus John Brennan nominated for director of CIA

By Joshua Fechter

President Barack Obama's nomination of a former UT student to lead the CIA may prompt a public debate about the United States' increased reliance on drone strikes in the War on Terror and past use of enhanced interrogation techniques, according to two UT faculty members.

On Jan. 7, Obama nominated John Brennan, who graduated from UT with a Master of Arts in 1980, to serve as CIA director. Brennan is chief counterterrorism adviser to the president and advised Obama on foreign policy during his 2008 presidential campaign. Prior to that, Brennan spent 25 years in the CIA and became deputy director of the CIA in 2001.

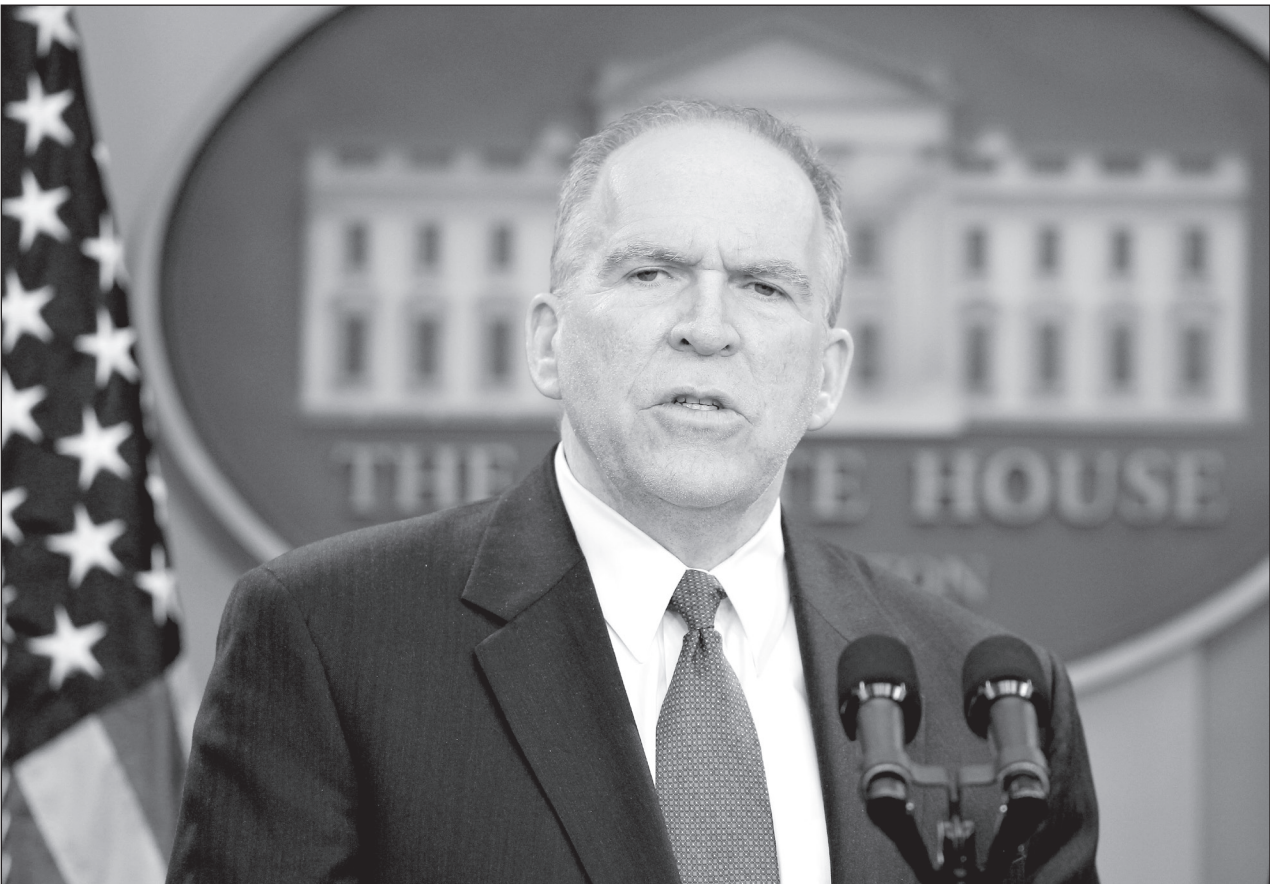
Obama previously nominated Brennan to head the CIA in 2009, but Brennan withdrew his name from consideration after concerns about his prior support of enhanced interrogation techniques and his possible role in allowing the use of those techniques during former

President George W. Bush's administration arose.

Bobby Inman, Lyndon B. Johnson Centennial Chair in National Policy at the LBJ School of Public Affairs, said Brennan may face questioning about the use of those techniques during Senate confirmation hearings. He said senators may show interest in the topic in part because of the release of "Zero Dark Thirty," a film about the hunt for al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden that depicts use of enhanced interrogation techniques.

"That's likely to become a hot topic again," Inman said.

Inman, who served as deputy director of the CIA from 1981 to 1982, said Brennan may also face questions regarding the nation's reliance on drone strikes, or using aerial unmanned vehicles to target and kill suspected terrorists, and the specifics of the drone program. Brennan was the first administration official to publicly acknowledge the program and defended the ethics and effectiveness of the program before the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars



Charles Dharapak | Associated Press

John Brennan, Deputy National Security Adviser for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism, shown here in this Oct. 29, 2010 file photo, was nominated by President Barack Obama to be the director of the CIA.

in 2012.

"The sense I have from a distance is that he's been the principal architect of that program," Inman said. "So far, there's been no public debate on the program, so this might provide an opportunity for a debate."

William Charles Inboden, assistant professor of public affairs and former senior director for strategic planning on the National Security

Council, said he thinks most senators support the drone program, but will use Brennan's confirmation process to try to learn more about the program.

"Congress likes to assert its role as a check on the executive branch," Inboden said. "They will sometimes look for a case to be involved in its decision-making process."

Inboden said the Senate will likely confirm Brennan

without much hesitation and will focus their scrutiny on Obama's nominee for Secretary of Defense, former Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Nebraska, who has previously made statements interpreted as critical of Israel, a U.S. ally, and statements expressing opposition to some sanctions against Iran.

"Hagel's nomination might provide cover for Brennan," he said.

If confirmed, Brennan would succeed Michael Morell, current acting director and deputy director of the CIA. Morell became acting director in 2011 after Leon Panetta left the agency to become Secretary of Defense. Morell became acting director again in November when David Petraeus resigned after the FBI discovered an extramarital affair between him and his biographer.

UNIVERSITY

UT opens national security policy center named after former Texas governor

By Jordan Rudner

When government officials plan for the future, they look to the past. To fill this need in the area of national security policy the University is launching the William P. Clements Jr. Center on History, Strategy and Statecraft.

William Inboden, an assistant professor at the LBJ School of Public Affairs and former senior director for strategic planning on the Na-

tional Security Council, will be the center's director.

"When I worked for a decade in Washington, D.C., I saw over and over again how the president and secretary of state and other senior officials really sought out the lessons of history when they were wrestling with foreign policy questions," Inboden said. "The policy community is very hungry for more history."

The center is the result of cooperation between

faculty of several UT departments, including the Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law, housed in the LBJ School. The Clements Center will focus on the study of history as it pertains to national security policy and will be funded in large part by the Clements family's initial donation of \$2.5 million.

Clements served two terms as governor of Texas and served in the Nixon and Ford administrations

as acting and deputy secretary of defense. He died in May 2011.

George Seay, the chairman of the board of advisers for the new center and Clements' grandson, said he and his grandfather both shared a passion for national security.

"My favorite subject matter, as was my grandfather's, was national security policy," Seay said. "If our position in the world isn't pre-eminent, then we put into jeopardy the stability and security of our country, and I think it all starts with this subject."

Seay said the collaborative nature of the project is what convinced his family to become involved.

"Most universities either teach history or national security policy, but teach them in isolation and don't try to integrate them into one course of study," Seay said. "The quality of the people at UT and the quality of the

idea were just so clear that they won everybody over."

The center will use the bulk of its initial funding for research grants, to sponsor forums and to create study abroad opportunities. Inboden said it will not be used to hire additional faculty.

"When we approached the Clements and Seay families to talk about setting up the center, I think one thing they were attracted to was the strength of the faculty resources we already had," Inboden said. "There wasn't a need for more money to hire more faculty because UT had already shown strong commitment to diplomatic and military history by having professors like Bill Brands, Francis Gavin, Jeremi Suri, Mark Lawrence and Bobby Chesney."

He said he does not believe anything similar to the Clements Center currently exists in the United States.

"When you look across the country at different universities who have programs focusing on international security and security studies, most of the faculty working on those issues are in political science departments or in government," Inboden said. "We realized that there were very few, if any, history programs that were developing specialties in national security."

History professor Jeremi Suri said that much of the importance of the center will stem from its interdisciplinary nature.

"The problems we're interested in studying and the challenges we want to prepare for don't fall into one department or another," Suri said. "We need to find ways to bring together our knowledge and bring our students into an environment where they can see the interconnections between these issues."

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VOLLEYBALL

Horns clinch second title

By Sara Beth Purdy

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - The Longhorns looked like champions as they swept No. 5 Oregon at the KFC Yum! Center on Dec. 16 (25-11, 26-24, 25-19), earning their second NCAA national title and first since 1988.

“This has been a long time coming. And I’m so happy for the University of Texas,” Texas head coach Jerriott Elliott said. “But to see these girls’ faces ... we’re just so excited and proud of these ladies.”

As a team, the Longhorns (29-4, 15-1) hit .438, a record for three-set NCAA title matches. In addition, Texas hit a combined .360 in its semifinal win over Michigan and victory over Oregon, another NCAA record, with 108 kills and only 19 errors.

“They played very, very well,” Oregon head coach Jim Moore said. “Blocked great, passed great and they deserve it, a well-earned victory for them.”

The Longhorns got out to a fast start. They cruised to an easy 12-4 lead in set one, and used a powerful offensive attack, aided by numerous Oregon errors, to extend the lead and easily pick up the first set, 25-11.

The Longhorns turned in 11 kills and only one error while posting a .400 hitting clip. The Texas defense produced seven blocks in the first set alone and held the Oregon offense to only nine kills with a staggering 12 errors. The Ducks were also held to a -.083 hitting clip in the opening set.

The second set was typical for the Longhorns. The Ducks got off to a quick start, maintaining a slight lead throughout the set. A kill by junior Bailey Webster tied the set at 23-23 and a service ace by sophomore Haley Eckerman pushed it to a set point for the Longhorns. Oregon tied it up again, before back-to-back kills by Webster, who was assisted by junior Hannah Allison on each of the decisive kills, giving Texas the set, 26-24.

“We were like: ‘Guys, like we need this win. Act like we’re about to get eliminated. We need this win,’” Webster said about bouncing back after a difficult second set. “We literally took it one point at a time. I think that’s what worked for us.”

Oregon’s offense was much more productive in the



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Sarah Palmer and her teammates hoist up the national championship trophy after sweeping Oregon in the finals. The Longhorns finished their 2012 season with a 29-4 overall record.

LONGHORNS IN THE FINALS

Year	NCAA Tournament result	Round reached	Final record
2008	L, Stanford, 3-2	Final Four	29-4 (18-2)
2009	L, Penn State, 3-2	Nat’l title match	29-2 (19-1)
2010	L, Penn State, 3-0	Final Four	27-6 (18-2)
2011	L, UCLA, 3-1	Elite Eight	26-5 (15-1)
2012	W, Oregon, 3-0	Nat’l title match	29-4 (15-1)

In the third set, the Longhorns hit .387 with 13 kills and one error. The Texas defense turned in seven blocks and held the Oregon offense to a hitting percentage of .205 with 16 kills and eight errors.

Texas had 43 kills and four errors while Oregon had 46 kills and 23 errors, hitting

.202 for the match. The Longhorns recorded 15 blocks for the match to Oregon’s one.

Webster was named the tournament’s most outstanding player and was joined by Allison, Eckerman and McNeal on the all-tournament team. Webster had 14 kills in the final match with a hitting clip of .500. Eckerman hit

.400 with 12 kill. Freshman Molly McCage had an outstanding night on defense, turning in eight blocks.

“All I remember and all I know about this match is that I just felt like we did the whole thing together,” Webster said. “I think we really won this because we were such a team out there.”

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Early enrollees start semester

After a sub-par season by Texas standards, the Longhorns are already looking toward next season and the hopes to come. With this new season come new players and the 2013 recruiting class for Texas is filled with many high-end prospects that look to bring the program back to the top. Many of these newcomers will be joining the team this month as early enrollees. Three freshmen and one junior college transfer will start classes this semester and take part in spring practices. These include TE Geoff Swaim from Butte Community College (Calif.) along with true freshmen LB Deoundrei Davis, OL/DE Jake Raulerson and QB Tyrone Swoopes. These new additions will be addressed in detail on National Signing Day, Feb. 6, where the team will also discuss the rest of the Longhorn signing class.

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FOOTBALL



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David Ash leaps into the end zone for an 11-yard touchdown run in the third quarter of the Alamo Bowl to bring the Longhorns within striking distance, 17-20, of Oregon State.

Horns comes back late in game to capture Alamo Bowl victory

By Chris Hummer

SAN ANTONIO – Alex Okafor stood atop the winner’s platform on the 50-yard line of the Alamodome, and his smile said it all.

As hundreds of colored balloons streamed from above and Texas players jumped around in childlike euphoria, Okafor’s toothy grin showed just how much the Longhorns’ 31-27 Alamo Bowl win over Oregon State meant.

The comeback victory was only Texas’ ninth of the year, but it signified much more. It wasn’t a leap back to prominence but it was a huge stride in the right direction.

“We told the guys at half-time, ‘This is what we need, we need a tough win against a top team to get back into the mix where we get confidence,’” head coach Mack Brown said. “This was a really huge win for us.”

It didn’t look like it for the majority of the game.

The Beavers dominated the first half, holding the Longhorns to just 59 yards, excluding a 64-yard touchdown run by Marquise Goodwin.

However, something sparked in the second half.

Well really, it was three things: Okafor, Goodwin and David Ash.

Ash, the sophomore quarterback, struggled early. He looked out of sorts, underthrowing passes, but he found his rhythm in the third quarter. Ash, who had only run for 119 yards and one touchdown all season, began to scramble in the third quarter, and it paid off.

After a Quandre Diggs interception, Ash marched the Longhorns downfield and capped a touchdown drive off with an 11-yard run, giving them momentum and putting them within three points of the Beavers.

“When you’re struggling you have to wait for the play that sparks,” Ash said. “And in this game we started getting them.”

The Longhorns comeback never truly materialized until another bit of magic by Ash, this time with his legs and his arm.

With eight minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, Texas trailed by 10 again. The Longhorns got into the Beavers’ red zone, but things

went amiss on third down.

As his pass protection broke down, Ash scrambled to keep the play alive. It was in that controlled chaos that Ash slipped out of a would-be tackle and rolled to his left, lofting a pass across his body to a streaking Johnathan Gray in the end zone, where it landed softly in his hands.

“I think at that point you just start reacting,” Ash said. “It’s not really designed that way, just kind of happens that way.”

Ash’s instincts propelled the Longhorns. But it was the defense, especially the pass rush, that kept the Longhorns afloat during the scoring lulls.

Texas exploited a weakness in the Beavers’ pass protection spotted by defensive coordinator Manny Diaz to the tune of an eye-popping 10 sacks. Cody Vaz, who had only thrown one interception all season, was picked off twice in the loss.

Okafor lived in the backfield, recording an Alamo Bowl record 4.5 sacks as he broke through Oregon State’s offensive line time after time.

“I just kind of got in the zone,” Okafor said.

Okafor’s pass rushing ability sealed the game, but a connection between Ash and Goodwin won it.

With less than three minutes remaining and Texas down by three, Goodwin, an Olympian with elite speed, broke off a double move that left him nothing but open space and the end zone in front of him. And when Ash needed to make a throw the most, he delivered.

“It was a setup all game,” Goodwin said. “They bit on the double move and I escaped him, Ash threw a great ball, and touchdown.”

The throw gave the Longhorns a thrilling win and next year’s returners momentum entering the offseason.

But for seniors like Okafor, Goodwin and Kenny Vaccaro, the win meant so much more.

“It was our job to get [the team] to the Promised Land,” Vaccaro said. “[Strength coach Tim Cross] said ‘Moses got them to the Promised Land and Joshua took him through.’ And that’s what is left for these young guys to do.”

Okafor, Goodwin shine in career finale

STOCK UP

Freshman Johnathan Gray made his mark in his first bowl game, converting a 4th-and-1 just before David Ash hit Marquise Goodwin for the winning touchdown.

STOCK DOWN

Despite a 64-yard touchdown run by Goodwin, the offensive line struggled. Texas tallied only 53 yards on 30 carries.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 10: Lead Oregon State held after three quarters.
- 4: Number of yards gained by Oregon State in the fourth quarter, as the Texas defense took the reins and stifled the Beavers’ offensive efforts.
- 4.5: Number of sacks Alex Okafor managed throughout the game, marking a new Alamo Bowl record.

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QUARTER-BY-QUARTER

- First Quarter:** A minute before the clock ran out, a 12-yard Beaver run earned Oregon State a touchdown and a seven-point lead heading into the second quarter.
- Second Quarter:** A long sprint by Goodwin at the start of the quarter tied the score, but an Oregon State field goal and touchdown kept the Beavers ahead.
- Third Quarter:** Even with an 11-yard touchdown run by Ash, Oregon State was able to stay ahead of the Longhorns with a two-yard run with a mere nine seconds left in the quarter.
- Fourth Quarter:** A determined Ash swept through the final quarter with two touchdown passes — one to Gray and another to Goodwin — to stun Oregon State and earn Texas a win in its final game of the season, 31-27.

– Rachel Thompson

FOOTBALL COLUMN

Texas should spare no expense for Saban

By Christian Corona
Daily Texan Columnist

After that 42-14 beat down Alabama put on Notre Dame in last Monday’s BCS National Championship, there are a lot of questions one could ask.

Has the Crimson Tide established itself as a true dynasty? How did this dominant Alabama squad lose to Johnny Football’s Texas A&M team in November? Who’s playing the Tide in next year’s national title game? Will Alabama ever lose again?

For me, there’s only one question to ask: What will it take for Nick Saban to be Texas’ next head football coach? Whatever it is, the Longhorns should be prepared to pay it.

Saban has made it clear he currently has no interest in going to the NFL. He’s been there, done that. Not his thing. Despite those two years as the Miami Dolphins’ head coach in 2005 and 2006, Saban has managed to win not just three national championships in the last four years, but four in the last eight.

Forbes recently labeled Texas as the most valuable college football program in the country. The Wall Street Journal estimated that the Longhorns’ football program is worth \$761.7 million — about \$1.7 million more than the Jacksonville Jaguars were sold for last November.

In other words, handing Saban a blank check to coach at Texas and paying Brown’s buyout, which

currently stands at \$2.75 million (down from \$3.5 million two weeks ago), should be no problem.

This isn’t to say Mack Brown shouldn’t lead the Longhorns or that he should be run out of town to make room for Saban right now. The what-have-you-done-for-me-lately standard would assert otherwise, but winning close to 10 games a year for the last 15 years is no small feat. Capturing two Big 12 titles and one national title makes for an impressive resume — one that the vast majority of coaches can’t match.

But Saban can. In 17 years as a head coach in college football, he has yet to have a losing season. He’s won nearly three-quarters of his games during that time and has 50 more victories (63) than defeats (13) at Alabama. After the \$400,000 bonus he received for winning another national title Monday, Saban earned nearly \$6 million this season, making him the highest-paid coach in the nation.

Mack Brown, a close second, recently had his contract with Texas extended through 2020, much like Saban did at Alabama. He says he’s in it for the long haul, but he’s either going to turn things around for the Longhorns and be satisfied with leaving the program better than he left it or continue to muddle through mediocrity, leaving frustrated fans to continue calling for his head.

Saban is the best in the business. When Brown steps down, Texas should be willing to pay him like it.



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Alabama head coach Nick Saban holds the Coaches’ Trophy after the BCS National Championship against Notre Dame Monday, Jan. 7 in Miami.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Javan Felix attempts a jump shot against West Virginia. Felix has started every game at point guard in place of Myck Kabongo during his suspension.



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Texas struggles in Big 12 play

By Nick Cremona

The lights are on, but nobody seems to be home. Or, in the case of Rick Barnes’ Longhorns, someone is definitely home, but perhaps they’re all asleep.

Since Dec. 1 the Longhorns have lost six of 10 games, including their first three Big 12 Conference matchups, a first in Barnes’ tenure. The 8-8 overall record is proof of the team’s lack of fortitude.

“This time of year, the teams that keep moving forward are the ones that have the attitude they are going to get better,” Barnes said after a recent loss. “We need to continue to get better on the mental side and understanding the game.”

On Dec. 8 Texas traveled to Houston to take on UCLA at Reliant Stadium. A basketball game in a football stadium sounds like a marvelous idea, but the Longhorns may have preferred a true home game after their 65-63 loss to the Bruins.

Barnes and the Longhorns were welcomed back to Austin the following week with a gift of a game against Texas State, who stuck around long enough to only lose by 12 points.

Beating the Bobcats is easy, but when No. 23 North

Carolina rolled into the Frank Erwin Center, no one really expected the game to be close. Texas, to the surprise of many, earned a solid win by pummeling the Tar Heels 85-67 in what was easily the Longhorns’ best game of the season. Two straight wins and all of a sudden Texas seemed to be figuring things out.

A trip to East Lansing, Mich., would quell any hype surrounding the Longhorns after they were dealt a 67-56 loss by Michigan State.

Then after a quick trip back home and a win against Rice, the Longhorns hit the road once again as they opened Big 12 play against Baylor in Waco. An eventful game unfolded, but Texas wasn’t able to keep up in overtime and dropped its first conference game of the year, 86-79. Still, there were some moves in the right direction, notably the continued maturation of freshman point guard Javan Felix.

Felix exploded for a career-high 26 points while adding nine assists against just one turnover. With the absence of Myck Kabongo (returns from 23-game suspension Feb. 13), Felix has logged a lot of minutes, and it was in Waco that he began to show his true potential.

“You’ve just got to go into it

with a mindset of getting better every day,” Felix said. “Build on the positive. And that’s what we’ve been trying to do as a young group.”

Just this past week Texas played in two more games, although the loss to West Virginia could have been categorized as a boxing match as there appeared to be more blood spilled than baskets made. The Longhorns again had a chance to close out a game in the final minutes as they held a double-digit lead against the Mountaineers with five minutes left in the second half. Texas eventually lost by four points in overtime after another collapse late in the game.

“We just have to stay positive as of right now, and not get too down on ourselves,” sophomore guard Sheldon McClellan said. “It’s a long season so we just have to focus on the next couple of games and, like I said, the guards — especially me — have to finish better.”

Texas had no business winning on the road in Ames, Iowa, against Iowa State, and it didn’t. The Cyclones shot the ball well and sent the Longhorns packing with a 20-point loss and their third consecutive conference loss as McClellan, the team’s leading scorer, played one scoreless minute.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Longhorns looking to bounce back after dropping six straight games

By Matt Warden

A month filled with gifts and new beginnings dealt the Longhorns a solid dose of humility.

The Longhorns emerged from the holiday break with a 7-8 overall record, including a 0-4 start in Big 12 play. After starting the season at a promising 5-0 clip, the Longhorns showed that inexperience and immaturity still need to be addressed moving forward.

“We need to understand that the only way we can win basketball games this year is to play hard-nosed defense,” head coach Karen Aston said. “I am hoping that this is a reality check for them and we can go back to work.”

Texas began the holiday break with a highly publicized game against UCLA at Reliant Stadium in Houston. The then No. 12 Longhorns suffered their first loss of the season against a tough Bruins team, 62-42.

Nneka Enemkpali proved to be the only power for the Longhorns, scoring 16 points to go along with 12 rebounds for her sixth straight double-double.

“Young kids get discouraged and stop making effort plays when they start basing things on offense,” Aston said. “That is a sign of youth, immaturity and lack of leadership.”

The Longhorns showed signs of both weakness and excellence in their next five games leading up to Big 12 play, going 2-3 with a few close losses. The two wins came against Louisiana Monroe and Cornell, in which the Longhorns outrebounded their opponents by twenty



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Nneka Enemkpali fights off an Oklahoma State defender in Texas’ loss Sunday.

apiece in both games.

Freshman Imani McGee-Stafford showed her continued improvement in these wins as she posted double-doubles in each, including 11 points and 11 rebounds against the Warhawks and 20 points and 12 rebounds against Cornell.

The game that seemed to define the Longhorns’ need for improvement was the 94-75 loss to Tennessee. Chassidy Fussell scored a career high 31 points in her return to her home state but the Volunteers shot 46 percent from the field, showcasing the lack of focus on defense for Texas. The game also marked the first time the team had been outrebounded all season.

“This team that we have right now is definitely a work in progress,” Aston said. “We talked about the fact that this was a journey. It’s not the end of it right now.”

Texas opened up Big 12 conference play with a 73-65 loss to Iowa State in an overtime thriller. Despite 15 points from Chassidy Fussell, Ashley Roberts and Cokie Reed, which led to the Longhorns outshooting the

Cyclones, the ladies couldn’t close it out.

Defensive lapses once again showcased themselves against Oklahoma as the Longhorns allowed the Sooners to shoot 50 percent from the floor, adding 11 three pointers. Enemkpali buoyed the charge with 12 points and 10 rebounds while freshman Empress Davenport scored a career high 12 points in the 78-70 loss to the Sooners.

The Longhorns closed out the break with a 64-52 loss to Oklahoma State on Sunday morning, shooting under 40 percent from the field for the fourth straight game. Although the synopsis looks bleak, this losing streak yields a lot of learning opportunities for Texas.

“I want to reiterate that I thought we had good effort. We have to look at that at this point in the season,” Aston said. “We have to look if we are giving the kind of effort needed to win basketball games this season and I think we are from a defensive standpoint.”

Texas will continue Big 12 competition Wednesday against Texas Tech.

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FOOTBALL

Applewhite takes over play-calling

By Christian Corona

When Bryan Harsin was named Texas’ co-offensive coordinator and given play-calling responsibilities in 2011, Mack Brown knew who Harsin’s successor would be.

“I told Major [Applewhite], ‘You need to put yourself in a position as the play-caller every day, because that day is going to come fast, and when it comes, you need to be ready,’” Brown said.

Sure enough, when Harsin got his first career head coaching gig at Arkansas State last month, it was Applewhite who immediately took over his duties as the team’s play-caller and quarterbacks coach. In his first game in his new role, Applewhite’s Longhorns offense stalled in the first quarter of the Valero Alamo Bowl against Oregon State on Dec. 29. But Texas scored touchdowns on each of its final drives, overcoming a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat the Beavers, 31-27.

“It’s not about the X’s and O’s, it’s really just about the culture of our program and demanding more of our guys,” Applewhite said after the Alamo Bowl victory. “Tonight, the way we needed to win the game was to spread them out, throw it, clear some loose lanes for the quarterback to run the ball and be effective.

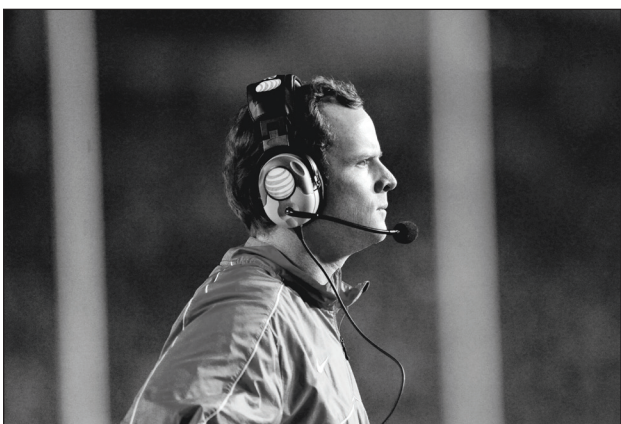
Applewhite previously served as Texas’ running back coach, leaving a vacancy in the Longhorns coaching staff. It was filled by Larry Porter, who coached running backs at Oklahoma State, LSU and, most recently, Arizona State. He went 3-21 in the 2010 and 2011 seasons as the head coach at Memphis

and will be working with a talented Texas backfield that includes Johnathan Gray, Malcolm Brown and Joe Bergeron.

“We are very excited to have Larry Porter joining our staff,” Brown said. “During his time at Oklahoma State and LSU, he did a tremendous job recruiting Dallas and Houston. He has also worked with two of our current coaches in [defensive tackles coach] Bo Davis and [offensive line coach] Stacy Searels in previous positions and has been friends with [wide receivers coach] Darrell Wyatt for a number of years.

“I’m just really excited to be joining what I think is the best program in the country,” Porter said. “Having the opportunity to work under a man like Coach Brown, who I look at as a legend in college football, is an honor and a privilege. He has done so much for college football and is so well respected.”

In the Longhorns’ nine wins this past season, they averaged 203.9 rushing yards per game and averaged 5 yards per carry. In their four losses, they ran for 98.5 yards per game and averaged only 3.1



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Major Applewhite, who recently took over the play-calling responsibilities, looks on during Texas’ loss to Kansas State.

yards per carry.

Harsin heads to an Arkansas State program that has seen each of its last two head coaches hired by SEC squads. Hugh Freeze, who went 6-6 in his first season as the head coach at Ole Miss this year, was the Red Wolves’ head coach in 2011 while Guz Malzahn was named Auburn’s head coach last month after leading Arkansas State to a Sun Belt title last year.

“He’s a bright young coach with great enthusiasm and passion for the kids and the game. He’ll do a tremendous job at Arkansas State,” Mack Brown said of Harsin. “He feels like it is a great

situation for him. We’re happy any time our coaches have the opportunity to be a head coach. I think that is a great reflection of the types of coaches we are fortunate enough to have in our program.”

Among the other coaching changes made include Wyatt being promoted to co-offensive coordinator, making him the first African-American coordinator in Texas history. Offensive line coach Stacy Searels was promoted to assistant head coach for offense and tight end coach Bruce Chambers now handles the primary recruiting coordinator duties, which he previously shared with Wyatt.

MEN’S GOLF

Spieth decides to leave Texas, start pro career

By Peter Sblendorio

Longhorns sophomore golfer Jordan Spieth announced Dec. 14 that he will forgo his remaining collegiate eligibility in order to pursue a professional career.

It was uncertain whether Spieth would return to Texas for the spring 2013 semester after he failed to earn his PGA Tour card at qualifying school last month. He will have no status on any professional tour, and he will compete in PGA and Web.com Tour events on sponsor’s exemptions and Monday qualifiers in an attempt to earn enough money to reserve a spot on the PGA Tour.

Spieth was named Big 12 Player of the Year as a freshman last season, and he was vital to the Longhorns’ national championship run in 2012. The sophomore was having another strong season for Texas this year, but he decided that declaring professional status was the necessary decision for his future.

“The decision to turn pro was a difficult one, but I’m looking forward to the challenge of competing at the highest level and accomplishing the many goals I’ve set for myself on and off the course,” Spieth said. “I



Jordan Spieth
Sophomore

owe everything I’ve achieved thus far to the support of my family, friends, teammates and the University of Texas. While I’m proud of what my teammates and I have accomplished, I couldn’t be more excited to fulfill my lifelong dream of becoming a professional golfer.”

Although the loss of Spieth will hinder the Longhorns’ chances of repeating as national champions in 2013, head coach John Fields is happy for the All-American and believes that his team will be ready to compete without him.

“Jordan Spieth is a remarkable young man,” Fields said. “Though he is leaving early, he has left a positive, indelible mark on the University of Texas and our program. Jordan is first-class — first-class as a student, first-class as a teammate. We will certainly miss him, but our future remains bright, and like him, this is a new beginning for all of us.”

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KATE MIDDLETON IS PREGNANT **Solution: 7 letters**

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Baby, Baroness, Bed Rest, Bump, Care, Carole, Child, Countess, Couple, Dehydration, Duke, Eight, Firstborn, Godparents, Heir, Illness, Labor, London, Majesty, Maternity, Monarchy, Morning, Mother, Names, Nausea, News, Nutrients, Pippa, Post, Pregnancy, Prince, Queasy, Royal, Rumors, Sickness, Stage, St. James, Thirty, Throne, Twins, Weeks, William

Last Saturday's Answer: Animals

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English alive, and others, like British novelist Zadie Smith, have compared him to Mark Twain.

“Tenth of December,” Saunders’ fourth collection of short stories, does not disappoint, and sets the bar even higher for future works. In this collection, Saunders deals with everything that is human by illuminating raw emotion with well-rounded and flawed characters that make each story engaging and thought-provoking.

While some of Saunders’ stories evoke a powerful emotional response with simple, everyday situations, a few of his stories are incredibly bizarre, with plots and settings that can astound readers. Saunders tackles the often visited themes of torture, immigration and class systems using original ideas in his fiction.

In “Escape from Spiderhead,” prison inmates are subject to drug tests that evoke a range of artificial emotions which only last as long as the drug is being pumped into them. Various drugs make subjects fall in love with each other, develop an enhanced vocabulary and experience a kind of internal agony

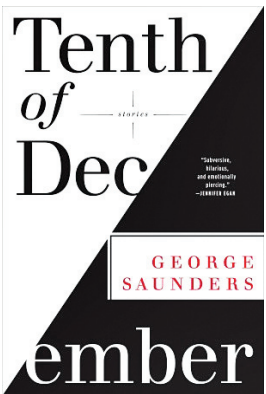
so painful they slam their heads into walls as a means of escape. In “The Semplica-Girl Diaries,” a story set in the somewhat distant but not-too-far future, a family partakes in a growing trend among the rich of purchasing immigrants from third-world countries to float above their front yard in white gowns as a lawn decoration. This “service” is an immigrant’s key to eventual citizenship in the United States.

“The Semplica Girl Diaries” is Saunders’ longest piece. It takes up 60 pages of the ten-story, 272-page book. Not all of Saunders’ stories are this long. His shortest, “Sticks,” does not even take up a full two pages. But the brevity of “Sticks,” a short story about a father who spends a good portion of his life dressing up a pole stuck in his front yard, does not hamper the tale at all. In actuality, the piece’s sudden and abrupt conclusion impacts the story’s themes of death and loss.

While Saunders’ stories switch between a variety of themes, issues and genres, he also alternates between style and storytelling methods with ease.

Some of his stories are told in an elegant voice. Other tales work outside normal grammatical conventions with simple language and are often just a conscious stream of thoughts.

The stories in “Tenth of December” are not easy reads — they require an incredible attention to detail. Each story will cause the reader to stop and ponder, as all significant literature should. Saunders has brought his best in the “Tenth of December,” guaranteeing his novel will remain a part of conversations for months to come.



TENTH OF DECEMBER
Author: George Saunders
Genre: Fiction, short stories
Publisher: Random House

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lenging material with grace and Chastain makes Maya’s acclimation to the CIA’s methods a gradual but chilling shift.

Even as Bigelow hits the audience with an onslaught of names, places and faces, she balances things out with moments of quiet levity and masterfully constructed tension. The film is beautifully paced, and its climax, the raid on Osama bin Laden’s compound, is taut with

intensity and brutal efficiency. It’s a cathartic moment for both the characters and the audience and it feels like an earned victory thanks to Bigelow’s remarkable focus and sparse style.

“Zero Dark Thirty” is an exceptional film top to bottom, but it’s certainly not an easy one to love. There’s no warmth, no soaring violins when bin Laden’s body is identified, but the toughness and lack of sentimentality is

admirable. The straight-on approach to the hunt for bin Laden makes the film less of a celebration and something more akin to journalism, a sharply sketched portrait of the woman who found our country’s greatest enemy.

ZERO DARK THIRTY
Director: Kathryn Bigelow
Genre: Drama
Runtime: 157 minutes

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described as a blend of Middle Eastern ambient music and American jazz, an odd pairing that results in the cinematic, instrumental pieces performed by A Is Red.

Band bassist Sarah Brown has been playing alongside Harvey since the early ‘90s, but this most recent project is miles away from the classical jazz and blues standards she is accustomed to playing.

“I thought the music was really different from anything I’d played and I wasn’t sure I’d be able to do it,” Brown said. “But then [Don] played me the songs that were coming out on his second CD and I really fell in love with them.”

According to Harvey, Brown has found her niche in the multidimensional folds of his eclectic tunes.

Naga Valli, who is a Mumbai, India native, adds her own cultural flair to the ensemble’s music through her vocals.

“Valli brought an enormous depth and new element to the music,” Harvey said. “The songs are all

instrumental pieces that don’t have any lyrics, so she usually uses her voice as an instrument.”

Valli’s vocals are found throughout the ensemble’s second album, “The Light Shines Through,” which is an album Harvey helped build from the ground up.

Jon Niess, owner of local studio Austin Signal, utilized Harvey’s alternate career as a realtor to purchase land on which to build a proper studio, as opposed to the one he previously operated out of his garage.

“Don was kind of around the whole time it was being built,” Niess said. “He ended up being the first project, the first record that we made there.”

Greg Klinginsmith designed the studio, but Harvey helped test the acoustics of the rooms as they were being built by playing his music.

“Because of the work Greg did and some of the suggestions Don had in terms of layout, the record came out beautifully,” Niess said. “Don’s music

was a great test of Greg’s design of the rooms.”

With the studio practically hand-crafted for his next album, Harvey and his ensemble recorded *Light Shines Through* at Austin Signal.

According to Harvey, the ensemble writes a new song every time it rehearses, and there are plans to release a third album in the future. However, Harvey’s ultimate goal is to score a soundtrack to a film.

For now, Harvey and his ensemble of multicultural musicians have a residency at Strange Brew where their enigmatic, color-evoking songs can be heard drifting from the lounge side every other Friday night.

A IS RED
When: Friday, Jan. 18 at 10 p.m.
Where: Strange Brew, Lounge Side
Cost: \$5
Website: donharveymusic.com

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personalities, quirks and typically observant, sly dialogue. It’s remarkable how Dunham’s voice shines through in each of her characters without diluting their distinctness, from Shoshanna’s motor-mouthed collection of neuroses to Jessa’s loopy self-destructiveness.

Allison Williams is probably the show’s most abrasive presence, but even her character, Marnie, gets the occasional moment of pathos. Jemima Kirke barely

registered in last night’s episode, but her new marriage is the season’s weakest story line so far, an unfocused exploration of a half-baked story line. Nonetheless, Kirke’s confidence is infectious, and it’s hard not to love her half-cocked presence. Meanwhile, Zosia Mamet has developed into a golden comedic presence over the last season, getting just as big a laugh from a silent reaction or a ridiculous outfit as from one of Dunham’s one-liners.

Lena Dunham loves

making Hannah’s life a special kind of disaster, and the closer she is to a nervous breakdown, the funnier “Girls” becomes. She’s not afraid to make her characters unlikable, or even unreasonable, but they’re always recognizably human, and that’s what makes “Girls” such an affable show. It’s easy to relate to the characters’ experiences, and Dunham’s handle on her world and the people she’s filled it with make “Girls” a unique, exhilarating and hilarious show.

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drape over the side of the tub while Williams sits upright, tightly wrapped in a towel. “I only show my boobs to people I’m having sex with,” Marnie says.

Curiously, the audience never once sees her naked chest or behind during season one nor in the premiere of season two though she has plenty of onscreen sex. While this could be William’s reluctance to be naked on television, it doesn’t really matter. The decision is one that fits her character.

It is doubtful the media would be up in arms over seeing Williams naked anyway. The New York Post used words like “blobby” and “sloppy” to describe Dunham’s naked body, wondering why we even have to be subjected to such an imperfect figure. But the truth is that Dunham’s character




Evan Agostini | Associated Press
“Girls” star Lena Dunham attends the HBO premiere of the show at the NYU Skirball Center on Wednesday in New York.

is insecure and seeking approval. Hannah is hoping that by quickly shedding her clothes, she can appear more confident than her insecurity allows.

The season two premiere opens and closes with a mostly naked and unashamed Dunham. Her co-stars spend little time in equally naked situations. And that is realistic. It should no longer be a crutch that cruel and lazy writers use to critique the show. Why is it

that we can accept a variety of nationalities, sexual orientations and races on screen, but not an atypical body type?

Ultimately, no one is as naked as Dunham, but that is a realistic step for the show. Marnie is too uptight, Shoshanna too virginal and Jessa too infrequently onscreen to bare as much skin. Hannah Horvath is not modest in season two, and honestly, we shouldn’t expect her to be.




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Dad, stop! Why are you doing this to yourself?!

I can't stop, son! I can't help it!!

These Hot Wings are just too good!

by Lindsay Rojas

FIRST DAY BACK

IN THE STOMACH

COFFEE'S HERE! PARTY TIME

BUTTERFLIES

INDIGESTION MEDICINE!

HEY GUYS!

STEPHANIE VANICEK

Don't Judge Me

Wait!

I thought you guys liked having me over! School hasn't even started yet!

Desiree Anila

SELECTIVE EQUALITY Eischeid + Nguyen

Bicycles are vehicles too. Cyclists deserve all the rights and courtesies afforded to motorists on the road.

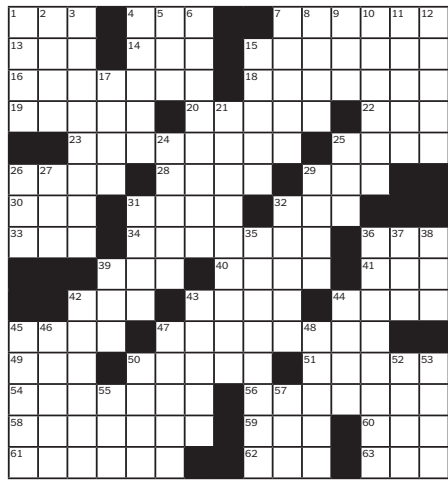
Uh huh. And how many stop signs did you stop at today?

Get back to me when you decide equality cuts both ways.

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No.1210

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pharmaceutical co. regulator
 - 4 Mule of song
 - 7 Go by, as hours
 - 13 ___ Vegas
 - 14 CBS forensic drama
 - 15 Boundless enthusiasm
 - 16 Being risked
 - 18 One of seven in the Constitution
 - 19 Prepare to drive a golf ball
 - 20 Helpers: Abbr.
 - 22 Clusters of tennis
 - 23 See, as visitors
 - 25 Author Blume
 - 26 Quick punches
 - 28 "If I Only ___ Brain"
 - 29 Unruly head of hair
 - 30 Have a bug
 - 31 Drink at a sushi bar
 - 32 Sauce at a sushi bar
 - 33 Twisted, as humor
 - 34 Like December, among the months of the year
 - 36 ___ Moines, Iowa
 - 39 Exxon product
 - 40 Angers
 - 41 Pen filler
 - 42 Drool catcher
 - 43 Old dagger
 - 44 Tramp's partner in a Disney film
 - 45 Corp. money managers
 - 47 Border collie, for one
 - 49 Feedbag morsel
 - 50 At (stumped)
 - 51 Milton ___, leader to Uganda's independence
 - 54 Cashew or hazel, in a grove
 - 56 Capital of Arizona
 - 58 Was a bad winner
 - 59 Writer Fleming
 - 60 French friend
 - 61 Maximally
 - 62 Science guy Bill
 - 63 Rent out
- DOWN**
- 1 *Smooth
 - 2 *Romantic outing
 - 3 *Legislature
 - 4 Ending with land or sea
 - 5 Show curiosity
 - 6 Suffer from insomnia
 - 7 Our planet
 - 8 D-Day transports: Abbr.
 - 9 "Do ___ say, not ___"
 - 10 *Light truck
 - 11 *Sphere or cube
 - 12 *Foe
 - 15 Noodles, e.g.
 - 17 Election day: Abbr.
 - 21 Where to find coaches at football games... or a description of the answers to the 16 starred clues?
 - 24 Defrosts
 - 25 Elation
 - 26 *It moves up and down when you talk
 - 27 *Broadcast
 - 29 Kind of scale of mineral hardness
 - 31 Attack with a knife



Puzzle by MICHAEL DAVID

- 32 Precipitous
- 35 "Wheel of Fortune" bonus
- 36 *Shortcut path, maybe
- 37 *Finish
- 38 *What's up?
- 39 U.S. soldiers
- 42 *Fanny
- 43 Did some blacksmith's work on
- 44 Ear part
- 45 *Cuban drum
- 46 *Tennis umpire's cry
- 47 Winter hazard
- 48 Blackmore's "Lorna"
- 50 Partner of sciences
- 52 *Cons do it
- 53 *Depart
- 55 Way of the East
- 57 It's pitched with a pitchfork

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I guess my point is that if you don't like these comics I don't give a shit

Riki Tsuji

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Think Before You Drink Stolen Coke

Would you like a cup for water?

...yes..

Meanwhile, Coca-Cola executives starve, robbed

I can no longer provide for my children. I am a failure of a father. Surely they shall starve.

Drinks

COKE! M&M! DO

COKE SNEAK!

WE NEVER MAKE LOVE ANYMORE...

YOU FEEL SO FAR AWAY

WE ARE BOTH SO DISGUSTING...

SUDOKU FOR YOU

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MUSIC

Band fuses sounds, colors

By Hannah Smothers

Local ensemble A Is Red has managed to take what should be a displeasing cacophony of culture and transform it into an enjoyable fusion of sound and – for some people – color. The band title is not a reference to Nathaniel Hawthorne’s classic work of fiction, but is instead influenced by a rare neurological condition known as synesthesia. Those affected by the condition experience a blending or crossing of the senses, which often results in certain sounds appearing as certain colors or tastes. Band founder Don Harvey is fascinated by synesthesia, but he is not personally diagnosed with the condition. However, he, like many other prominent musicians and composers before him, claims to experience a touch of the bizarre phenomenon. “To many composers throughout history, the letter and key of A has stimulated the color red, and I do have that when I play,” Harvey said. “It wasn’t until I started writing music that



Chelsea Purgahn | Daily Texan Staff

Don Harvey, band founder of A Is Red, describes the band’s style as an instrumental blend of Middle Eastern ambient music and American jazz. A Is Red plays shows at Strange Brew every other Friday night.

I realized, ‘Wow – it really does feel this way.’” Harvey’s career as a composer is just taking off, but he has been performing alongside other musicians

since he was 19 and living in Tel Aviv, Israel. “I grew up in New York not too far from the city, then I was in Tel Aviv, Israel for five years,” Harvey

said. “I played a lot of music over there with Israelis and people from all over the world. There were a lot of musicians from the Middle East and even some

Palestinian musicians.” The music composed by him and fellow musician Stefano Intelisano is best

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BOOK REVIEW | ‘TENTH OF DECEMBER’

Short story collection promises to please

By Bobby Blanchard

Although the year has just begun, George Saunders’ “Tenth of December” is sure to become one of 2013’s most prominent and talked-about works of fiction. “Tenth of December” is a collection of 10 short stories, in which Saunders brilliantly and frankly explores human emotion through original storytelling. Saunders is a renowned and highly regarded American writer — recently a New York Times Magazine article featured him under the headline “George Saunders Has Written the Best Book You’ll Read This Year.” Some, like Texas-native writer and Syracuse University professor Mary Karr, have called him the best short-story writer in

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TELEVISION REVIEW | ‘GIRLS’

‘Girls’ returns with same wit and humor

By Alex Williams

Few shows last year drew more insipid criticisms than Lena Dunham’s “Girls,” which burst out of the gate with a roaringly funny pilot and charges varying from nepotism to racism. No matter how much controversy the Internet kicked up, the sharpness of Dunham’s voice and her unshakable understanding of her characters never faltered, and “Girls,” which returned Sunday night for its second season, earned its spot as one of the funniest shows on television. Season two finds Hannah (Dunham) and friends living the free-floating lives of

GIRLS
Channel: HBO
When: Sundays at 8 p.m.
Director: Lena Dunham

young New Yorkers. Hannah’s relationship with Adam (Adam Driver) has only gotten stranger since she ended things, and after the events of the season premier, things are probably going to get pretty tense with her roommate/gay ex-boyfriend Elijah (Andrew Rannells) and best friend Marnie (Allison Williams). Meanwhile, Shoshanna (Zosia Mamet) deals with romantic turmoil and Jessa (Jemima Kirke) struggles with the new realities of her life after marrying Thomas-John



Evan Agostini | Associated Press

Cast members, from left, Zosia Mamet, Lena Dunham, Jemima Kirke and Allison Williams attend the HBO premiere of “Girls.”

(Chris O’Dowd). Dunham’s cutting wit is practically the star of “Girls,” and she truly understands the people of her time and place. Her cast is packed

with hilarious figures, and even minor characters like love interest Sandy (Donald Glover) and Elijah get

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MOVIE REVIEW | ‘ZERO DARK THIRTY’

‘Zero Dark Thirty’ characterized by strong female role

By Alex Williams

For many leading roles, especially those written for females, likability is key, and their ability to charm is pivotal to their film’s opening weekend. For Jessica Chastain, who plays determined CIA agent Maya in “Zero Dark Thirty,” getting on the audience’s good side doesn’t appear to be too difficult for one very simple reason — she’s playing the woman who caught Osama bin Laden. What’s not to like?

Taking place over the 10 years between 9/11 and bin Laden’s death in 2011, “Zero Dark Thirty” methodically lays out the puzzle pieces for Maya and other agents to assemble. It’s a no-frills approach for director Kathryn Bigelow and the film unfolds with the same unrelenting focus as “The Hurt Locker,” her Academy Award-winning last film. Jessica Chastain gives a performance brimming with complexities, finding genuine humanity between the pages of Mark Boal’s screenplay. Maya’s determination drives her, but it’s the intelligent, infallible confidence that Chastain brings to the role that makes you root for her and her unquenchable hunger for her target that makes

her a force of nature. It is a riveting achievement for Chastain and a high watermark in her quickly growing filmography. The figures surrounding Maya in the CIA are rather thinly defined, but Bigelow intelligently fills Maya’s sounding board with familiar, likeable faces. Kyle Chandler is reliably stern but reasonable as Maya’s exhausted boss and coworkers like the excitable Jennifer Ehle and subdued Mark Strong round things out nicely. Jason Clarke stands out as a fellow torturer and he brings a resigned certainty to his subtle but effective arc. The story of bin Laden’s capture is a challenging one, both for the scope it requires and the number of false starts and dead ends in the rabbit hole he disappeared in after 9/11. However, Bigelow makes the small accumulation of details and evidence engrossing and it’s a small victory every time Maya cracks another bit of information. Much controversy has been created from the movie’s depiction of torture, but it’s less an endorsement than a simple acknowledgement of the moral grey area inherent to the story it’s telling. Bigelow handles the challenge of her target that makes

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TELEVISION

Lead role in HBO series breaks stereotypes

By Kelsey McKinney & Sarah-Grace Sweeney
Daily Texan Columnists

Twenty-six-year-old Lena Dunham is not the slacker/wannabe writer she plays in the hit HBO series “Girls” that she stars in, created and currently directs. Although the current darling of the New York media

circuit, Dunham has incurred as much criticism as she has cover photos. While many of the critiques of the show are valid — unrealistic situations, a lack of diversity among main characters and catering to a narrow audience — criticizing “Girls” for the appearance of Dunham’s body is about as relevant as praising “Friends” for Jennifer

Aniston’s haircut. Flanked by three thin, media-approved beauties (Zosia Mamet, Allison Williams and Jemima Kirke), Dunham’s figure has been used to critique the realism of the show. God knows that Dunham could never have sex with a man like Donald Glover while Williams, who plays her “beautiful” best friend, sits forlorn on the couch. Marnie (Allison Williams) is uptight, critical and regularly complimented for her beauty on the show. She is Dunham’s opposite both in body type and body visibility. In the premiere of season one, Marnie and Hannah (Lena Dunham) sit in a bathtub. Dunham’s arms

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Jonathan Olley | Columbia Pictures

Jessica Chastain, who stars as Maya in “Zero Dark Thirty,” won a Golden Globe for Best Actress on Sunday night.